



City of Gold Beach

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Fire Season Begins Friday, June 24th, 2016

PROHIBITED BURNING PROCLAMATION

The State of Oregon is now officially in Fire season. As of 12:01 am Friday the 24th the Oregon State Fire Marshal declared the beginning of the 2016 Fire Season. The start of Fire Season activates restrictions on both public land and industrial forest use on all public, private, county, state and federal lands.

The start of fire season means the end of open pile burning as well as burn barrel use within the City of Gold Beach.

Warming fires or cooking fires on the beach are also prohibited at all times. Recreational fires in enclosed or maintained rings within commercial or public campgrounds are still permitted as long as a water source and shovel are available and in working order.

Anyone using chain saws for the purpose of yard maintenance or for the collection of fire wood on the beaches inside the City will be required to have either a charged water hose and shovel or a minimum of an 8 oz. fire extinguisher and a shovel on hand at all times. Chain saws are required to have an approved spark arrestor screen.

Improper/illegal or malicious use of fireworks inside the City is prohibited. Use of aerial pyro technique devices such as "signal" flares, for reasons other than an emergency, and sky lanterns is prohibited.

As fire season progresses, additional closures and restrictions may be imposed as weather conditions and fire danger become more severe.

The City of Gold Beach is dedicated to enhancing quality of life, while promoting the health, safety, and welfare of our citizens, businesses, and visitors in the most fiscally responsible manner. In doing this, the City will respect the past, respond to current concerns, and plan for the future, while maintaining environmental sensitivity in our beach oriented community.

"I am aware that the banning of all burning in the City will not be accepted well by many people in our community. My intention in doing this is first to create common ground between the Coos Forest Patrol and the City of Gold Beach. And my second, and more important reason, is to prevent community devastating fires such as the Fort McMurray, Canada fire this year, or a 2014 Weed, California fire. Unfortunately, if not properly managed, our town's close proximity to wild lands and the lack of defensible space inside our City make us a candidate for a devastating fire such as these. I hold myself responsible for the safety and protection of this town and the persons and property in it from fire danger. This is the basis for this decision and my hope is this will make for a safer fire season for our community and surrounding areas within our fire district."

So proclaimed this 24th day of June, 2016



Tyson Krieger, Gold Beach Fire Chief